



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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AGENDA TITLE: Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Citywide School Safety Signage at Public and Private Schools

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the specifications for the Citywide School Safety Signage at Public and Private Schools project and authorize advertising for bids.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This project consists of furnishing and installing school signs, roadside posts, pavement markings, and performing other incidental and related work, as shown in the project specifications.

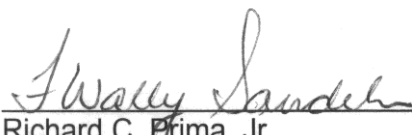
In June 2005, City Council authorized staff to submit Safe Route to School grant applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). In June 2006, Caltrans approved the Citywide School Signage grant. The intent of the grant is to comply with recently-adopted guidelines for federal and state mandated school pedestrian warning signs. The compliance date for the installation of these particular signs is January 2011. There are various compliance dates for other types of signs and pavement markings. The new school signs include School Advance Warning Assembly D (S1-1 "two school pedestrians walking" and W16-9p "ahead") in advance of the existing school signs and School Crosswalk Warning Assembly B (S1-1 "two pedestrians walking" and W16-7p "downward arrow") at school crosswalks. The new guidelines have eliminated the crosswalk lines from the school signs. An example of these signs is attached as Exhibit A. These signs provide additional warning for motorists entering a school zone and approaching school crosswalks. In addition to these signs, existing signs and marking were relocated or removed to be brought into compliance with federal and state guidelines.

The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: Using grant funds will eliminate the need to use Street Maintenance funds for installation of these improvements by the compliance deadline. However, replacements costs will be needed in eight to ten years.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The money for this project is from Safe Route to School (90%) and Transportation Development Act (10%) funds. A request for appropriation of funds will be made at contract award.

Project Estimate: \$65,000
Planned Bid Opening Date: July 3, 2007


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SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT

PROPOSED SCHOOL SIGNING

(Assembly B & D)

